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SUBJECT: ICELAND'S VIEW OF NATO SUMMIT

1. LAST WEEK'S NATO SUMMIT HAS BEEN PORTRAYED HERE ESSENTIALLY AS IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY FOR GOI TO DISCUSS FISHERIES QUESTIONS -- ESPECIALLY ICELAND'S PLANS FOR 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE -- AT HIGHEST LEVELS. DEFENSE MATTERS WERE ALSO FOCUS OF ATTENTION, THOUGH PRIMARILY IN INDEPENDENCE PARTY (CONSERVATIVE) PRESS.

2. MEETING BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER GEIR HALLGRIMSSON AND PRESIDENT  
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FORD GOT FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE IN TWO MAJOR GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPERS

MAY 31 THOUGH SUBSTANTIVE ACCOUNT WAS SKETCHY. (OPPOSITION PRESS IGNORED THIS MEETING AS IT DID MOST OTHER ASPECTS OF SUMMIT.) MORGUNBLADID (INDEPENDENCE PARTY) CARRIED FOUR-COLUMN PICTURE OF PRESIDENT AND PM, AND IN BRIEF SUBSTANTIVE ACCOUNT SAID, "US PRESIDENT FORD AND PM GEIR HALLGRIMSSON MET AFTER THE MEETING HERE (MAY 30) TOGETHER WITH THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS, KISSINGER AND EINAR AGUSTSSON... THE ICELANDIC MINISTERS SAID THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WITH FORD AND KISSINGER HAD BEEN VERY FRIENDLY. THEY EXPLAINED THE INTENTIONS OF ICELAND REGARDING FISHING LIMITS AND ASKED ABOUT US PLANS IN THIS AREA. THE AMERICANS SAID THAT THE US CONGRESS WOULD DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF UNILATERAL EXTENSION NO LATER THAN THE BEGINNING OF NEXT YEAR. THEY EMPHASIZED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS LOS CONFERENCE SHOULD CONCLUDE ITS WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF US-ICELANDIC DEFENSE COOPERATION, AND THE MINISTERS AND THE PRESIDENT AGREED THAT THERE WERE NOW NO PROBLEMS EXISTING IN THIS COOPERATION." PROGRESSIVE PARTY'S TIMINN COVERED MEETING AS FOLLOWS, "GEIR HALLGRIMSSON SAID THAT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE US PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY OF STATE HAD CENTERED ON FISHERIES ISSUES AS WELL AS DEFENSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES AND WITHIN NATO. 'IN OUR TALKS WITH THE AMERICANS ON FISHERIES MATTERS (HALLGRIMSSON IS QUOTED AS SAYING) IT EMERGED THAT THEY PUT GREAT EMPHASIS ON AN EARLY CONCLUSION TO THE LOS CONFERENCE. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS OF DEFENSE ISSUES IT WAS CLEAR THAT NO PARTICULAR PROBLEM EXISTS BETWEEN OUR NATIONS WHERE DEFENSE COOPERATION IS CONCERNED. IN THAT RESPECT, MATTERS ARE PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE DEFENSE AGREEMENT SIGNED LAST FALL.'"

3. COVERAGE OF HALLGRIMSSON'S SPEECH AT CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTED FOLLOWING AREAS:

--DEFENSE: NEED FOR REALISTIC APPROACH TO FOREIGN AND DEFENSE POLICY SINCE WISHFUL THINKING CAN LEAD TO DANGER; NEED FOR CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN WESTERN EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN NATO MEMBERS; KEY STRATEGIC POSITION OF ICELAND ON LIFELINE OF NORTH ATLANTIC AND ON ROUTE OF SOVIET NAVY TO WORLD OCEANS; FACT THAT TIME IS NOT RIPE FOR ANY LESSENING OF WESTERN DEFENSE COOPERATION.

-- 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE: FISHING IS VITAL TO ECONOMY OF ICELAND,  
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AND  
RATIONAL USE OF WATERS SURROUNDING COUNTRY IS MAJOR OBJECTIVE OF CURRENT GOI; THEREFORE, ICELAND INTENDS TO EXTEND ITS FISHING LIMITS CONSISTENT WITH INTERNATIONAL TREND TOWARD 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE EVEN THOUGH LOS CONFERENCE HAS NOT ENDED.

-- FISHERIES ISSUES/ECC RELATIONS: CRITICISM OF "VARIOUS"  
EEC NATIONS (E.G. FRG) FOR DENYING ACCESS TO EUROPEAN MARKETS FOR

ICELANDIC FISH WITH CONSEQUENCE THAT DAMAGE IS BEING DONE TO  
ICELAND'S ECONOMY.

4. OTHER COVERAGE OF ICELAND'S PARTICIPATION IN SUMMIT FOCUSED  
HEAVILY ON FISHERIES QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY REPORTS OF VARIOUS  
MEETINGS WHICH GOI DELEGATION HAD WITH UK AND FRG DELEGATIONS  
AND WITH SECGEN LUNS DURING WHICH ICELAND'S PLAN FOR EXTENSION  
TO 200 MILES WAS DISCUSSED.

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